

Topics Requiring COA Guidance

Professional Services Division October 13

Background

The Accreditation Study Work Group has met a total of three times to date, and will meet once more prior to the Committee on Accreditation meeting on October 21st. During that time, members of the workgroup have discussed a number of accreditation related topics. During this agenda item, the four members of the Committee who are currently serving on the workgroup, as well as Commission staff, will update the Committee on the status of deliberations on each of these topical areas and COA members will share their perspectives about these discussions. The purpose of this activity is to ensure that all Committee members are informed of the nature and content of the workgroup discussions on each topic area, and to garner feedback from Committee members that will help inform future workgroup discussions.

In Agenda Item 7, Commission staff will have introduced to the Committee the Topics, Options, and Implications Matrix. This matrix will be the primary document used as the Committee discusses each topical area under this agenda item. For Agenda Item 9i, which covers the topic, *Selection of COA Membership*, staff has prepared additional documentation for review. This documentation is also provided in this agenda item and will be referred to during the discussion.

The topics on the agenda to be discussed are:

Data Related Topics

- a. Data Collection and Accreditation
- b. Use of Historical Data in Accreditation
- c. Interim Accreditation Activities
- d. Accreditation Cycle

ASWG Topics in August

- e. Purpose of Accreditation
- f. Unit Accreditation and Program Approval
- g. National Accreditation (Education Unit)
- h. Roles of the CCTC/COA
- i. Selection of COA Membership
- j. Training of COA

ASGW Topics in September

- k. Subject Matter Programs and Accreditation
- l. Fifth Year Programs and Accreditation
- m. Blended Programs and Accreditation
- n. Induction Programs and Accreditation